

The State of Washington



Proclamation

WHEREAS, the timing, spread, and severity of influenza viruses is uncertain; and

WHEREAS, influenza vaccination is the most effective method for preventing influenza and influenza-related complications; and

WHEREAS, the United States government has an obligation to protect the health and welfare of its citizens; and

WHEREAS, health officials have confirmed the 2009 H1N1 flu vaccination is now widely available and are urging people of all ages across the United States to get vaccinated as it becomes available in the communities; and

WHEREAS, flu vaccines not only protect the person vaccinated, but can also prevent the spread of influenza to their close contacts;

NOW, THEREFORE, I, Christine O. Gregoire, Governor of the state of Washington, do hereby proclaim January 10-16, 2010, as

National Influenza Vaccination Week

in Washington State, and urge my fellow citizens to observe this week by getting the 2009 H1N1 flu vaccine, and encouraging friends, fellow employees, and relatives to do the same.

Signed this 5th day of January, 2010

A handwritten signature in blue ink, reading "Chris Gregoire", is written over the printed name of the Governor.

Governor Christine O. Gregoire

